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1. The "Georgi Dimitrov" Factory in Ruse produces agricultural machinery (and at present also munitions) and was formerly the property of the German "Muelhaupt" Company. It is located on Lipnik Boulevard, in the vicinity of the Army barracks located on this same street. It employs approximately 1,500 workers in three shifts per day. This factory was considerably enlarged after World War II and at present produces the following:

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- a. Threshing machines, harvesters, and miscellaneous agricultural machinery and equipment;
- b. Machinery for mills;
- c. Parts and spare parts for tractors, such as tracks, couplings for tractors, etc.; and
- d. Small calibre ammunition.

The factory exhibits its products in a sales-store in the center of Ruse.

2. The "Vela Piskova" Textile Factory is located on Lipnik Boulevard, in front of the Army barracks on this same street, and was formerly the property of the "Muelhaupt" Company. It employs approximately 1,000 workers in three shifts and produces household linens and cloths. One unit works exclusively for the Bulgarian Army and produces waterproof cloth suitable for the manufacture of knapsacks, tents, tarpaulins, etc.
3. The "Gavril Genov" Factory is located in the south-southwest section of Ruse, on the road leading to the Naval Barracks and to the right bank of the River Lom. This factory was formerly the property of the Jews Iskovits and Levi. It employs about 300 workers and produces shoe polish, varnishes, vegetable oils for varnishes, and cans for canned goods. Work has started on a planned increase in the size and manpower of this factory.

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4. A jute factory (name unknown) is located in the south-southwest section of Ruse, in the vicinity of the "Gavril Genov" Factory. It is a former German factory confiscated as war reparations. It employs approximately 250 workers in two shifts and produces jute and hemp sacks and cloth for packing.
5. The ZHITI (Zhelezna i Telena Industriya; Metal and Wire Industry) Factory is located in the south-southwest section of Ruse, in the vicinity of the "Gavril Genov" Factory. It was formerly owned by a Jew and employs approximately 500 workers in two shifts. It produces galvanized wire, nails, screws, and bolts.
6. The "Karpati" Factory is an old factory which formerly belonged to the Gabrovski brothers. It is located in the southwest section of Ruse, on the River Lom, and employs 500 workers. It produces furniture which is entirely exported to the USSR.
7. The "Khristo Botev" Soap Factory is located on Lipnik Boulevard, in front of the "Georgi Dimitrov" Factory. It employs approximately 180 workers and produces soap for toilet and other uses.
8. The "Dimitur Blagoev" Sugar Factory is located in the northeast section of Ruse, approximately 500 meters southwest of the new Giurgiu-Ruse bridge, near the right bank of the Danube. It is located in an isolated area. It produces sugar from beets which come from the northeast part of Bulgaria. Work is only seasonal.
9. The "Vasil Kolarov" Railway Car Plant is located in the vicinity of the Ruse railroad station. This plant repairs and rebuilds freight cars. Informant did not know if passenger or freight railway cars were manufactured here, and could give no further details concerning this plant.
10. A school for specialist students of the river fleet is located in the Naval Barracks located in the vicinity of the port of Ruse, at the point where the River Lom joins the Danube. Three hundred to 400 men are stationed here.
11. A naval shipyard is located in the port of Ruse and employs approximately 1,500 men. This shipyard manufactures river boats such as motor barges, towing barges, and steamers for river traffic. It also repairs miscellaneous types of river boats. Informant could give no further details concerning this shipyard.
12. Following World War II the establishments and factories already existing in Ruse were enlarged considerably and their manpower was increased. Additional expansion of factories has been planned, such as that now taking place at the "Gavril Genov" Factory. The city of Ruse is becoming of such importance industrially that the fair which is held annually in Plovdiv in early October will be held in Ruse in 1954.

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